

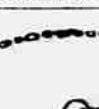
## JACOB LONG, OIL WIZARD.

REMARKABLE FINDS CREDITED TO  
JEFFERSON CITY, IND., MAN.

**Forked Stick Predictions Said to Be  
Invariably Accurate—Profitable  
Wells Located by Old Man's  
Divining Powers.**

Jacob Long, the Indiana old wizard, twenty years ago, when yet in his prime, was sought after far and near. He was known as a water witch, and was never of a saw mill or place of residence was selected it was then that Long was called upon to see. Nature had made a provision for water. By means of a forked stick, one prong of which he held in each hand, and the other prong pointing upward, Long would begin his search for the vein of water. As he passed over the vein the forked stick would turn in his hands and point downward. So simple and so easy to learn, that even that no one thought of putting down a vein in his vicinity unless the water witch was consulted.

**Phenomenon of the Stick.**  
 Once, about twenty years ago, when Long was searching for water his forked peach limb performed such antics that even



reservoirs of gas and oil. So absurd did this seem that he was laughed at and

suspicious cast upon his sanity. He tried to induce some of his acquaintances to aid in proving his assertions, but without success. By hard work he had secured a lit-

During his stay there the county experienced an oil boom, in which Jake, as his forked stick cut quite a figure. Finding few who would believe in his strength, and having no money of his own, he gave the people for little or nothing. He worked hard to accumulate money, put down a well for himself, but fortune was reluctant to smile upon him. He claims now to possess the secret of a po-

While in Ohio he learned that his predictions were to be a harbinger. In this country twenty years ago had been verified and he returned here. His predictions since then have been accurate and precise and he is now beginning to enjoy the local fame he has won.

Long is 60 years old and a bachelor. Although he was born in this country, he can speak English only brokenly and prefers German. He admits that aside from being a fortune teller, he is a very intelligent and a poor man in the country, being unable to read or write and knowing little of the outside world.

**BONES HIDDEN IN A TREE.**  
**Portion of a Human Skeleton Found**  
**Thirty Feet Above**  
**Ground.**  
 One of the oddest places of burial for a

bones of human being has recently been discovered near Deep Hollow, Pa. A party of lumbermen cut down a large ash tree and found a human skeleton. The bones of the body were found, but the skull was missing. The body will remain until spring.

On top of these, thirty feet from the ground, was found a human skull. Inside the skull was found the thin bone of an adult human being; presumably, a man's.


It was found in a hole made by men strung into it with a point of the ax. The bone broke and the piece is still firmly imbedded in the wood. The timber around it was found to be solid.

Speculation is rife as to the mysterious circumstances under which the body was buried. It is committed many years ago, when all the parts of the body were found except the head and one thin bone.


He—"Yes, I loved a girl once, and she made a fool of me." She—"Some girls make a lasting impression, don't they?"

—H. G.


VER OF KANSAS.




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